

Monte Carlo SKIRT

STEAL SOME FIFTIES FLARE WITH SCREEN SIREN FLORALS

The classic flared skirt, which acquired legendary status after being worn by Audrey Hepburn in *Monte Carlo Baby*, is a style favourite thanks to its playfulness and practicality – just perfect for the smart fashionista around town. Amanda Walker's design breathes new life into an enduring classic, coupling a wide waistband with roomy pockets. Gorgeous in crisp cotton or luscious sateen, and always on trend with a floral twist!

ESSENTIAL KIT

Main fabric, 1.4m x 150cm
Co-ordinating thread
Fusible interfacing, 20cm
Concealed zip, 23cm
Hook and bar fastener



Cutting Guide

Front: Cut one on fold

Back: Cut one pair

Pocket facing:

Cut one pair

Pocket bag: Cut one pair

Waistband: Cut a strip measuring 9cm wide. For the small size, cut 70cm for the length; for the medium, 75cm; for the large, 80cm. Cut one for the fusible interfacing

Use 1.5cm seam allowances

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1 Download pattern from makeittoday.co.uk and cut out. With right sides together, lay the pocket bag facings on top of the front skirt, matching the notches. Pin and sew, then open out and under-stitch. Press to the inside of the skirt.

2 Place the main pocket bag pieces over the facings, match the notches, pin and stitch. Neaten the edges using an overlocking or zigzag stitch, then press. Pin along the top and sides to connect with the skirt. Make two rows of gathering stitch between the notches on the top of the front skirt.

3 To make up the back, sew the darts in place, then press towards the centre back edges. Match the back pieces with right sides facing. Pin and stitch as far as the zip notch, then press seam open. Sew the concealed zip into the centre back opening.

4 Press the seam allowance along the two edges of the side opening, then open out. With right sides facing, place the opened zip face down and pin. After uncurling the teeth, back-stitch. Sew the other side





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This crisp cotton, with its modern pixel-style rose print, is ideal for holding the skirt's distinctive shape and it drapes like a dream. £14.80 per metre, thesplendidstitch.co.uk

of the zip in place, thread the pull through to the right side, and close.

5 Lay the front skirt over the back with right sides facing. Match the side seams, pin and stitch, then press open. Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the waistband using a pressing cloth and plenty of steam. Neaten one long waistband edge.

6 Gather the stitches at the top of the skirt. Pull the threads until the waistline matches the waist measurement, then distribute the gathers. Position the band along the waistline, matching the raw edges, so 3.5cm protrudes from the right hand of the centre back and 1.5cm from the left. Pin and sew.

7 Fold the band in half lengthways and sew the ends, then turn over to the inside of the skirt. Pin along the band on the right side of the skirt and seal by stitching in the ditch, sewing in the seam between the gathers and waist. Tidy base of skirt, press to the inside and hem. Sew a hook and bar to the band.

TOP TIP

For the under-stitching on the pockets, press the seam allowances towards the facing, then sew as close as you can along the edge of the seam line on the facing side. This will keep the facing from rolling out to the right side of the skirt.

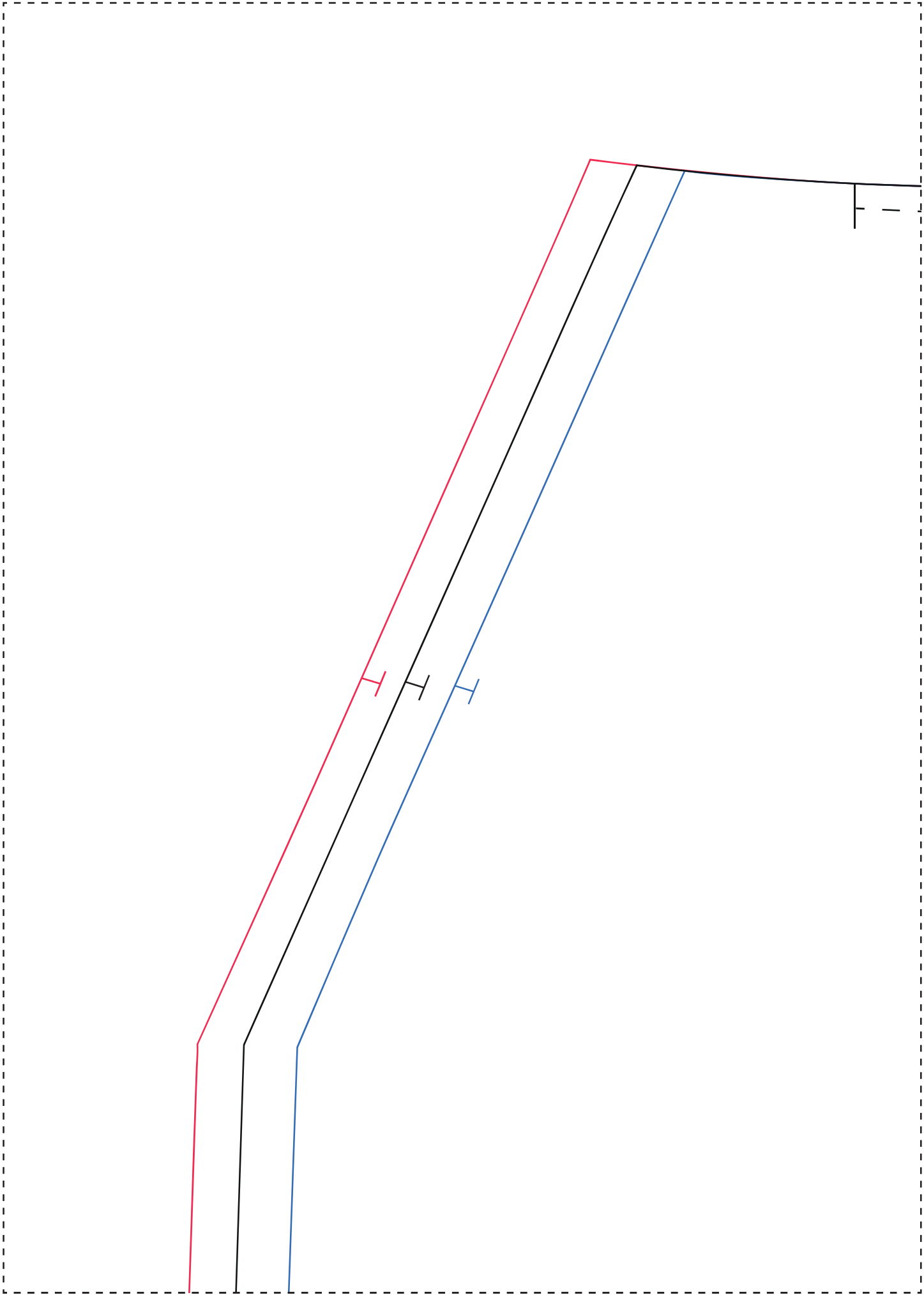
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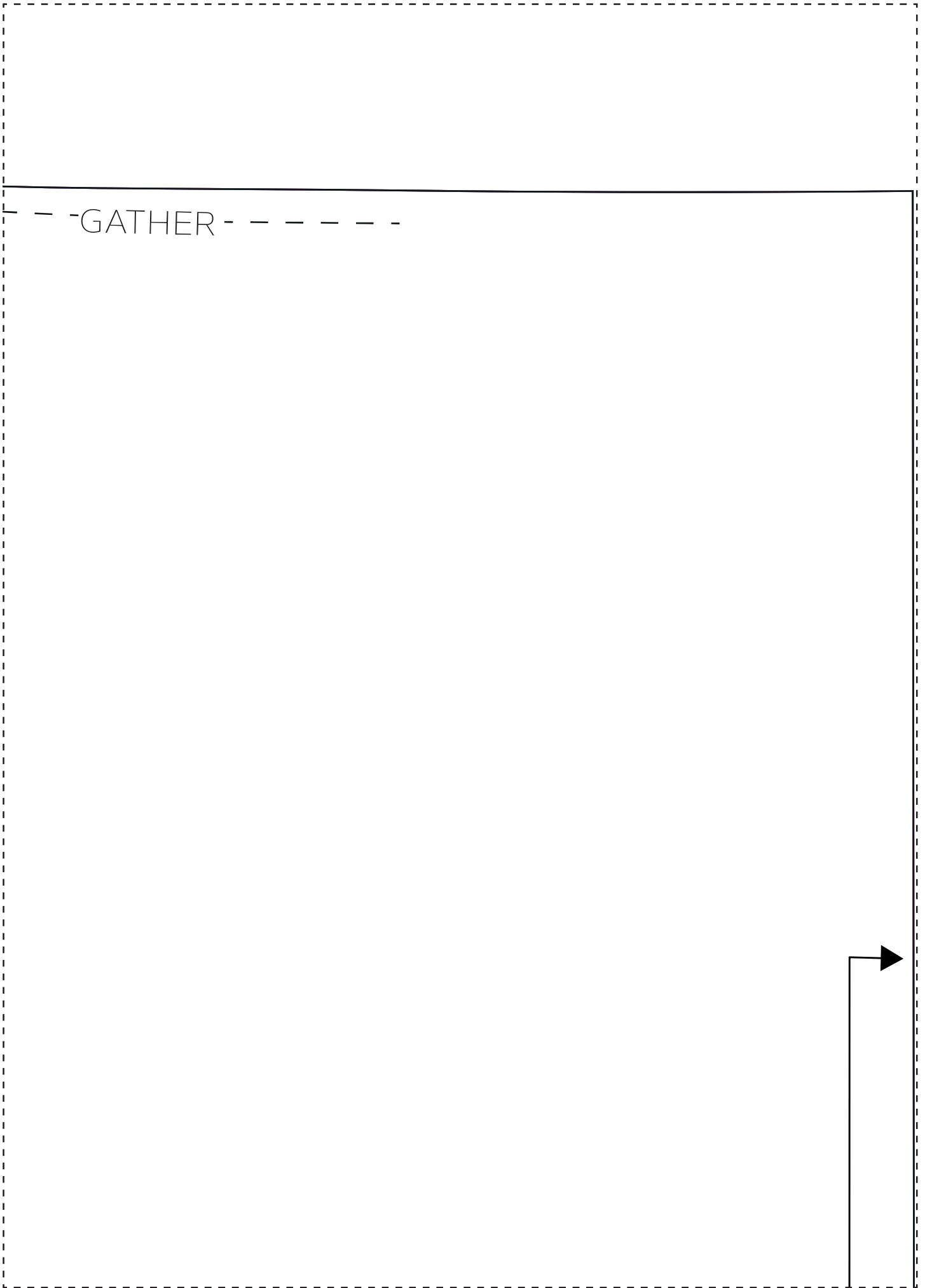


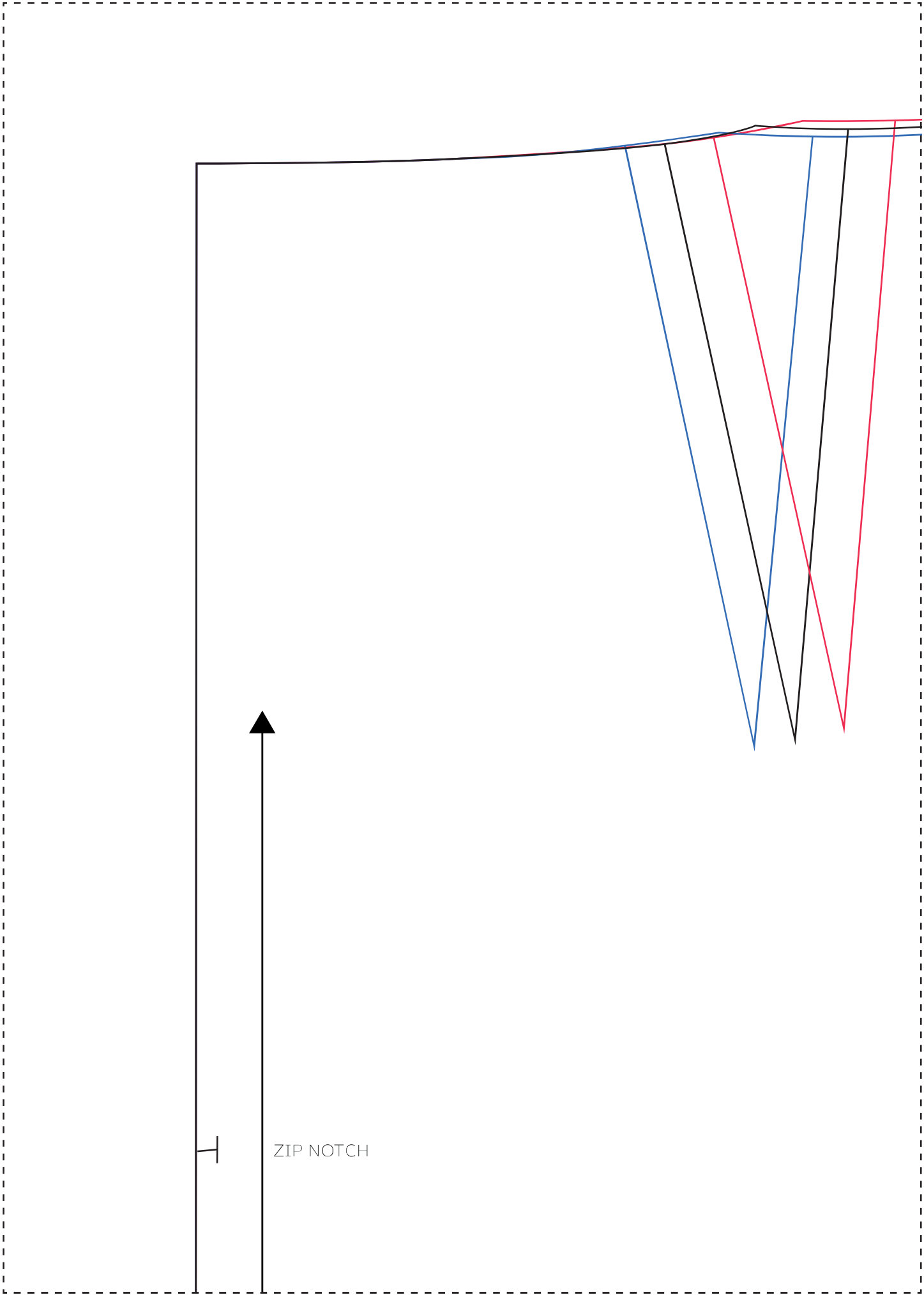
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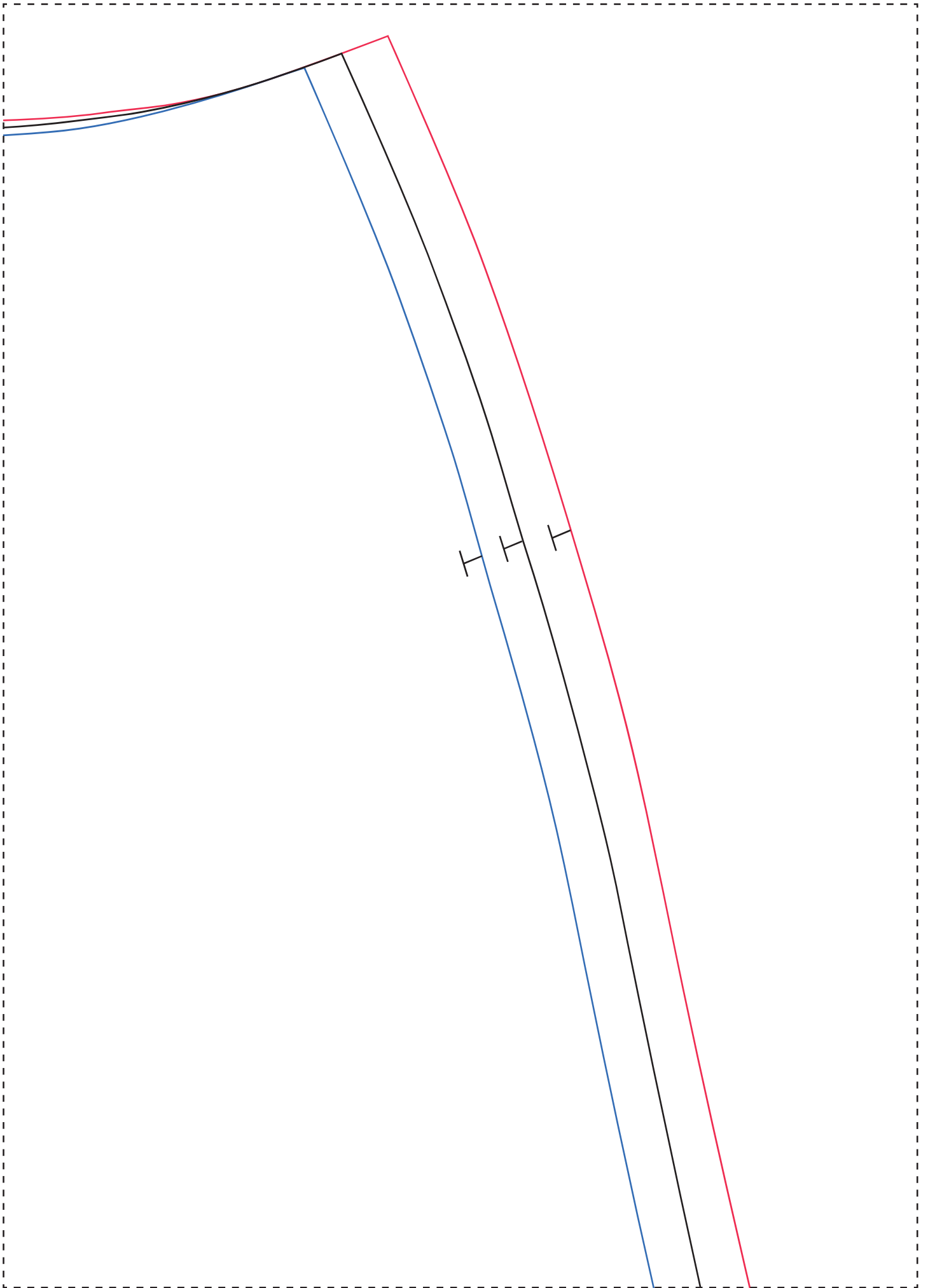
Choose a more traditional sateen bloom to hold the structure or, for ultimate whimsy, a daisy mix on broadcloth! From £9.80 per metre, thesplendidstitch.co.uk

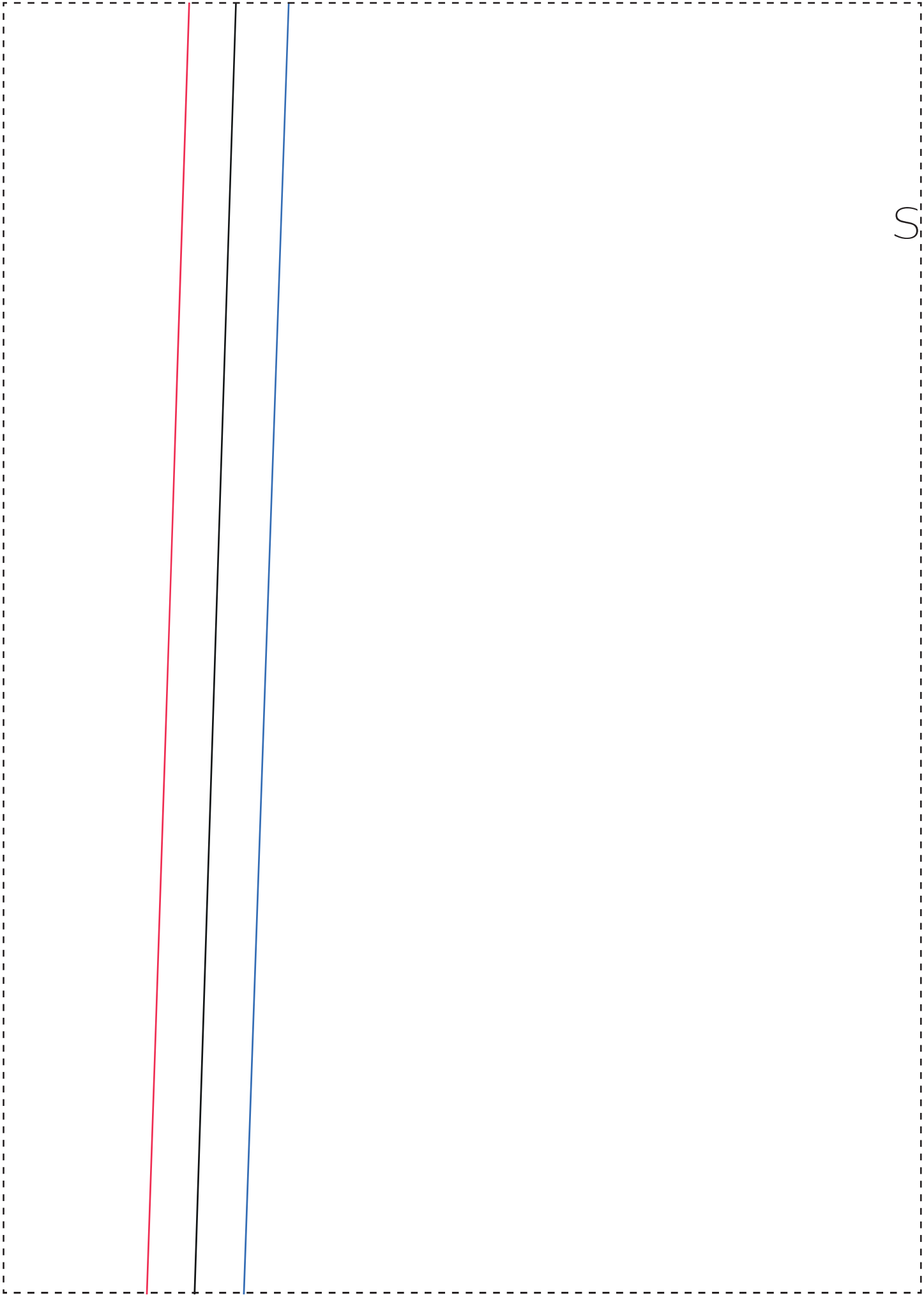








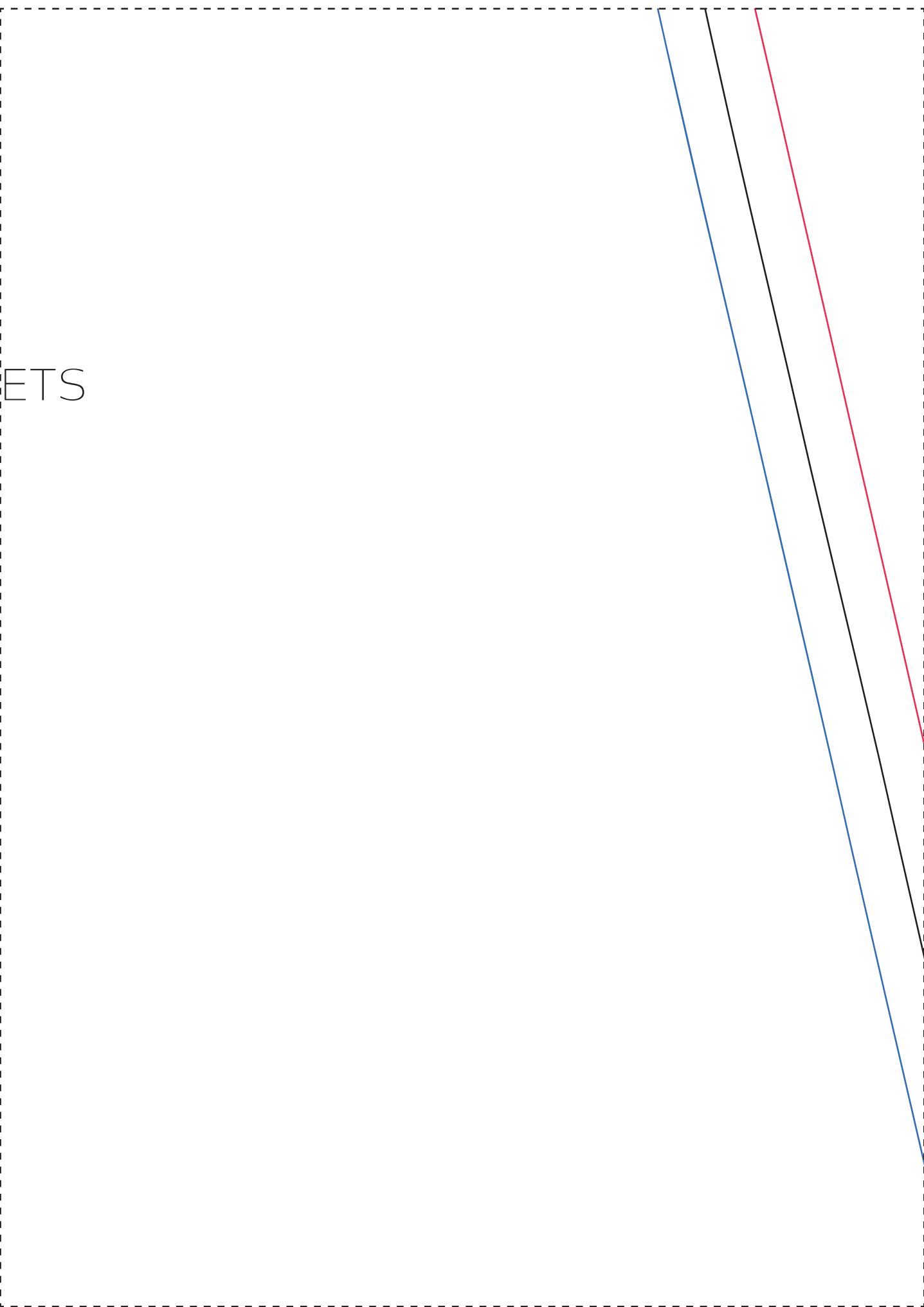


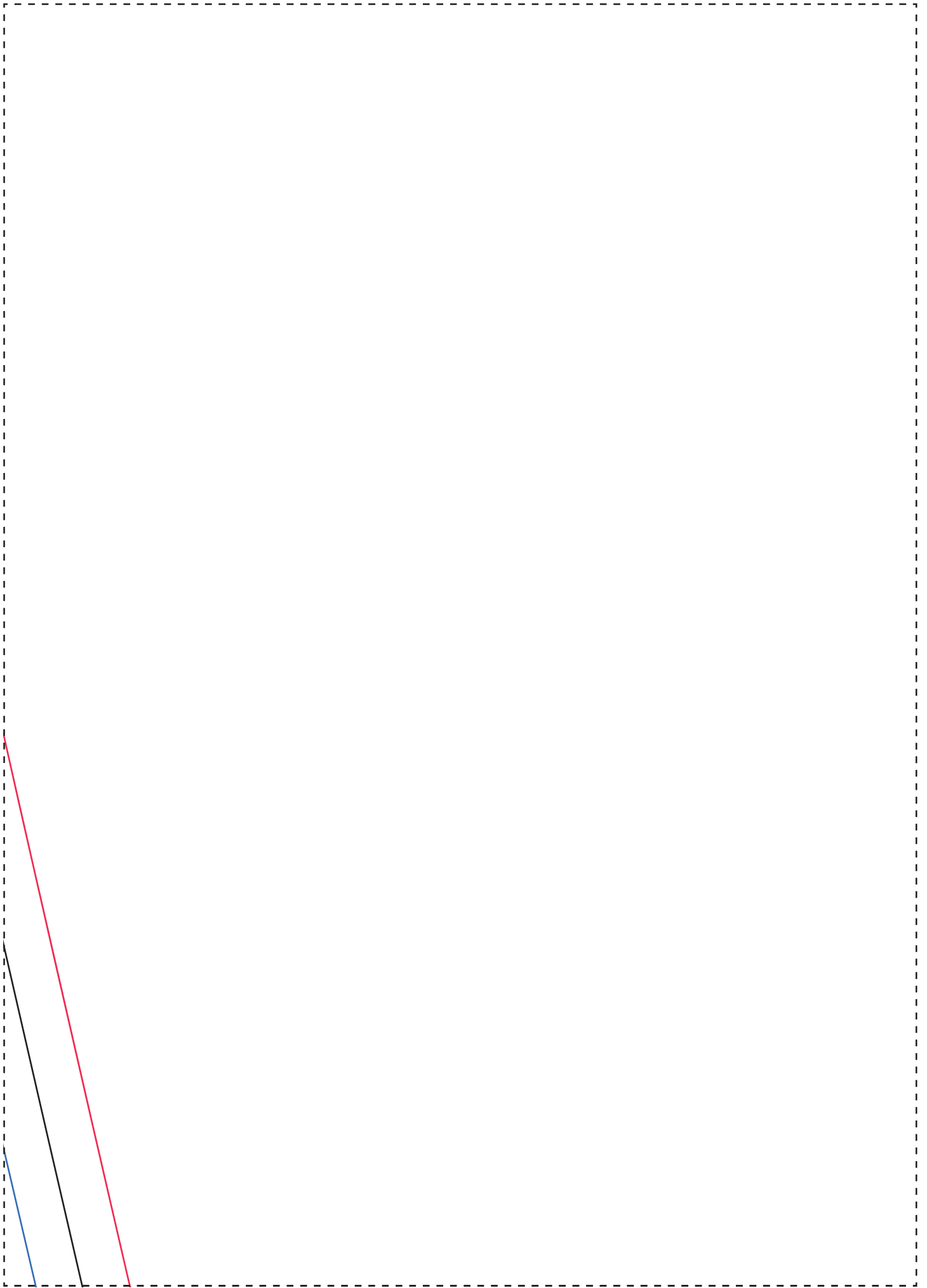


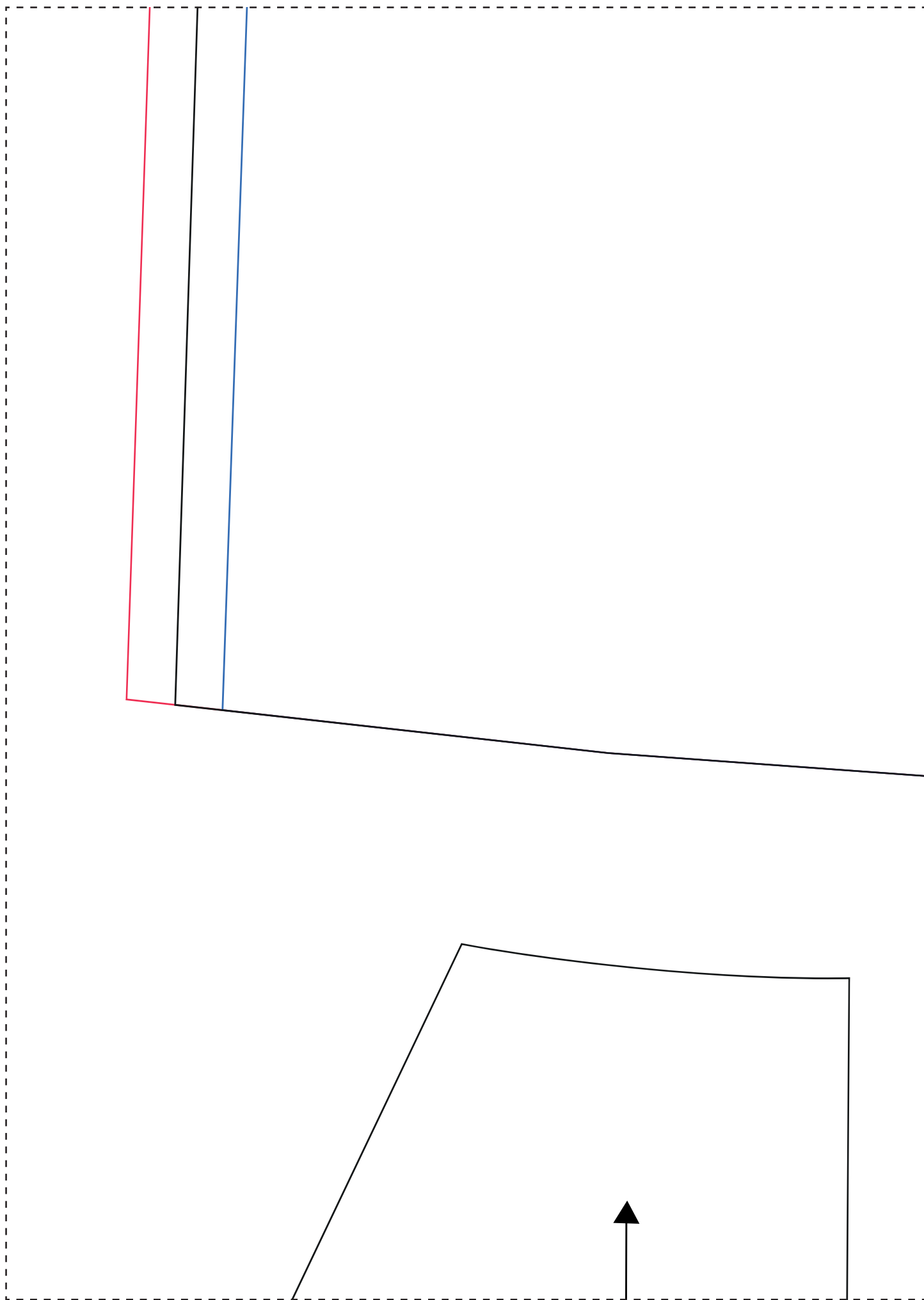
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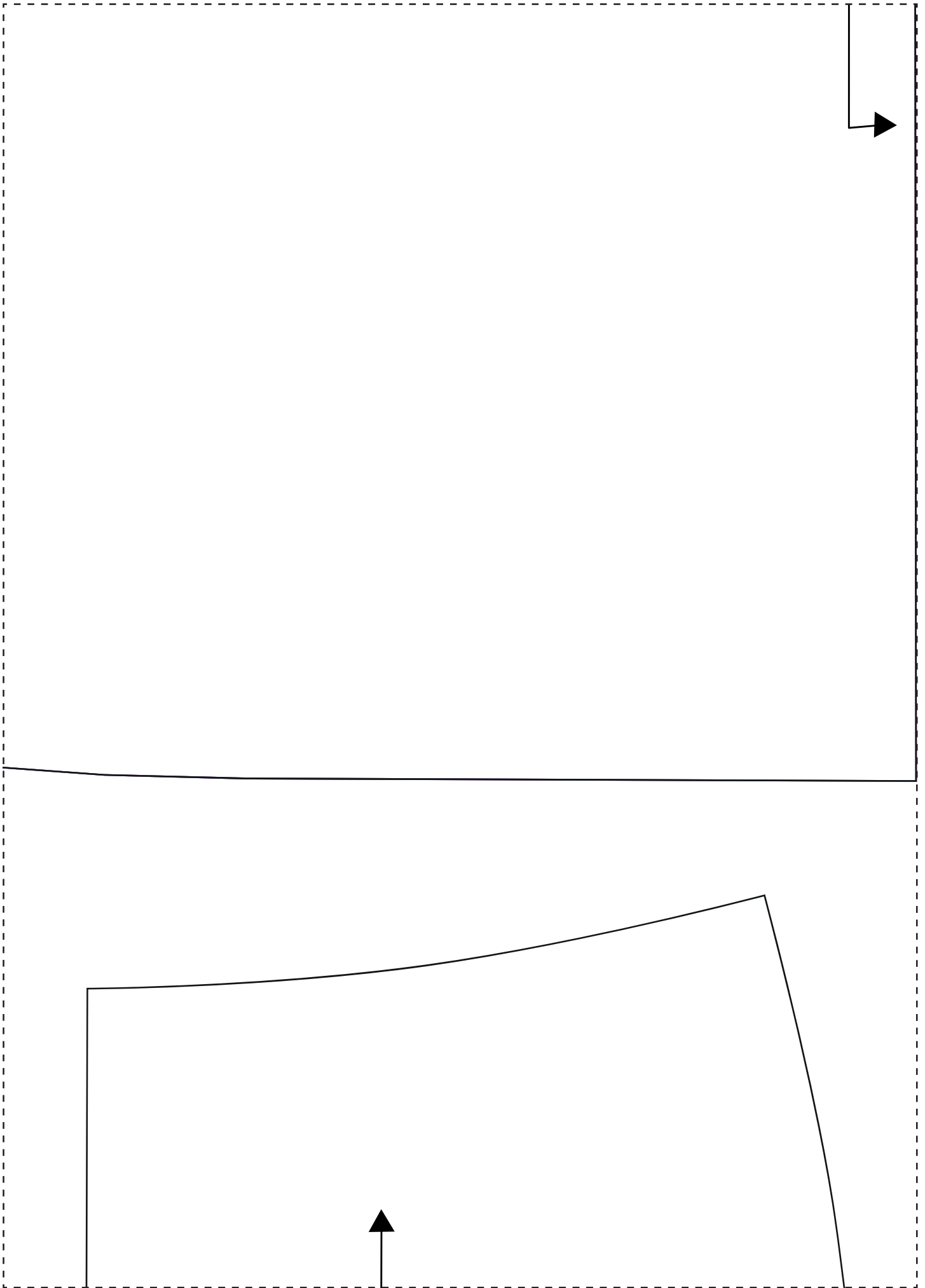
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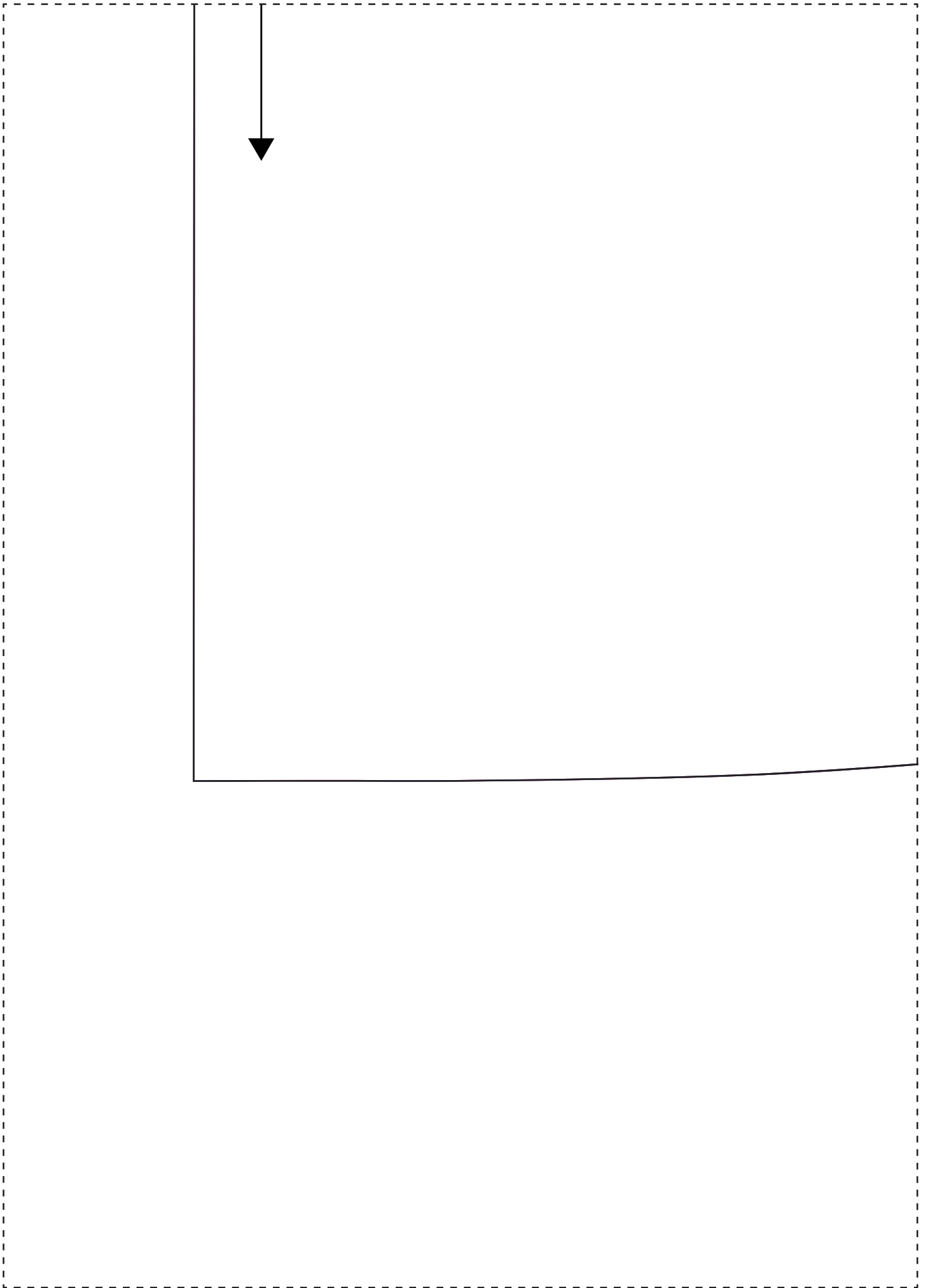
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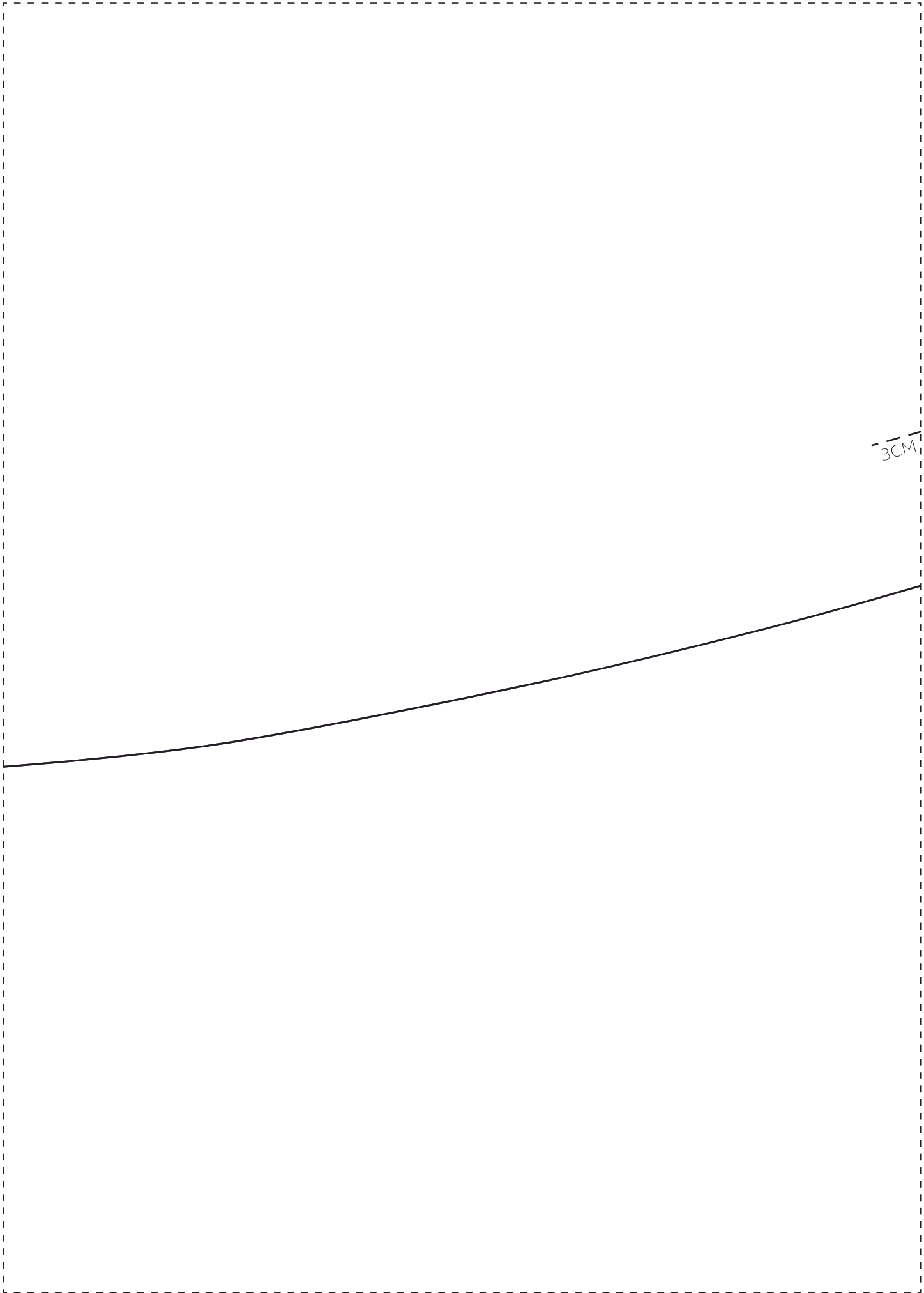


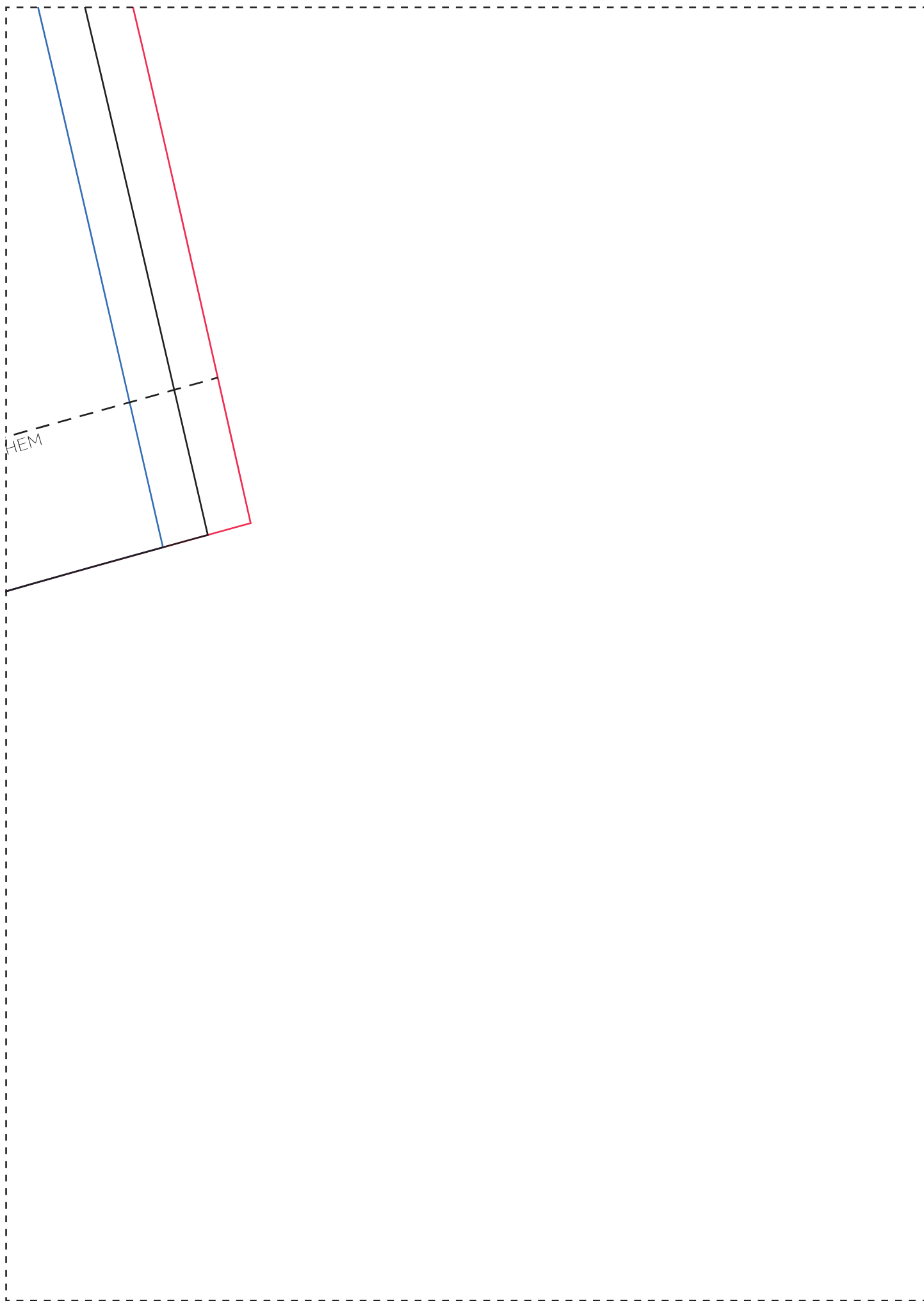


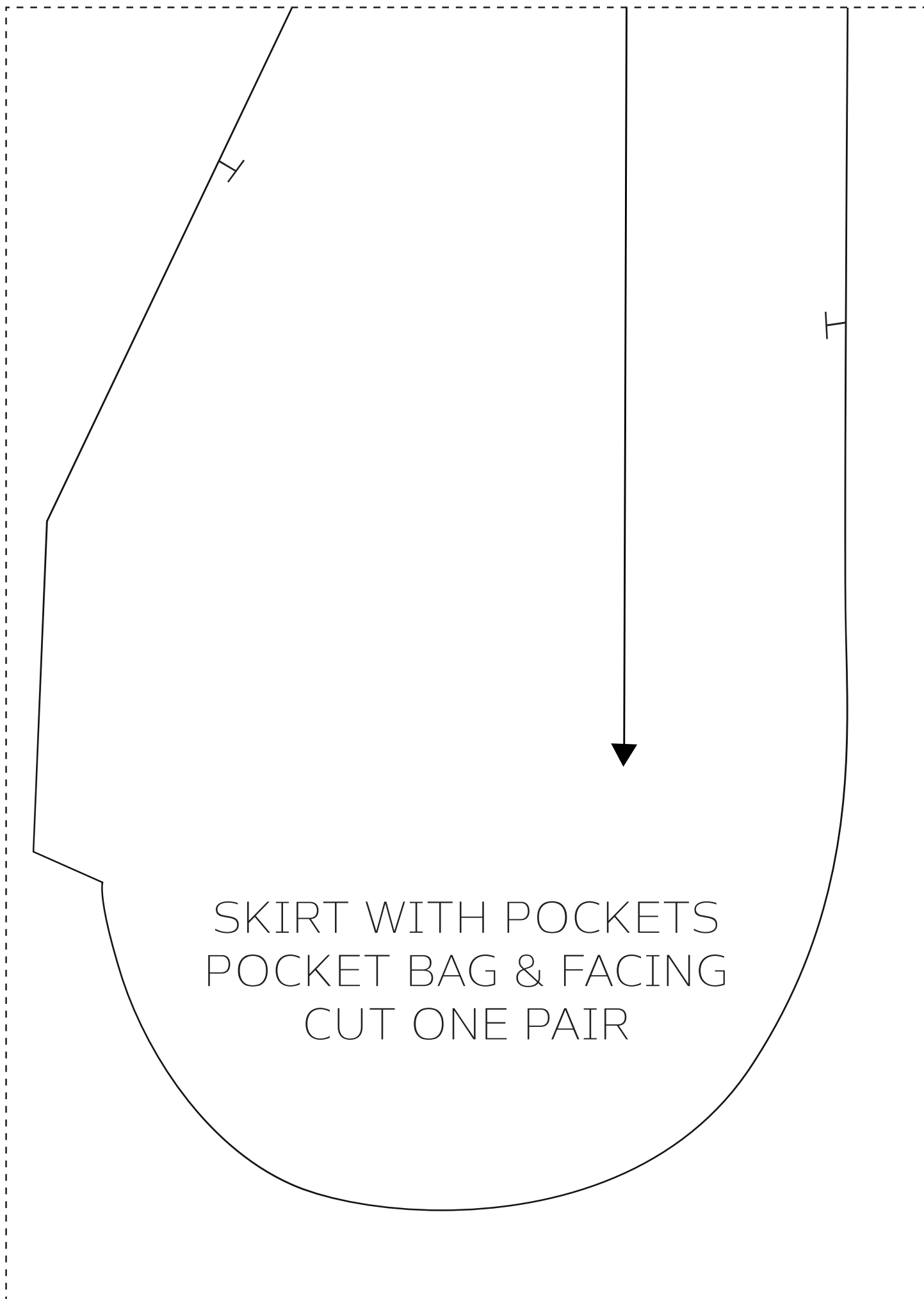












SKIRT WITH POCKETS
POCKET BAG & FACING
CUT ONE PAIR

